

Northern Mission



**3rd Sunday Advent
Year C
16 December 2018**

NORTHERN MISSION

incorporating Queanbeyan, Michalego, Bungendore and Braidwood Parishes.
<http://www.stgregorysparishqueanbeyan.com>

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Mission Sunday Masses:
St Raphael's Q'bn 5.30pm Sat
9am & 5.30pm Sun
St Mary's Bung. 8.30am Sun
St Bede's B'wood 6.00pm Sat

Ministries for our Sunday Mass

	15 December	22 December	24 December (Xmas)
Commentator:			P Coady
Readers:	R Coady W M-Bell	C Ffrench G Hannaford	R Coady W M-Bell
Acolyte:	L Hart	J Gunderson	F Schalger
Sp. Ministers	A Monkhouse W Hart	H Bopping volunteer	W Hart H Pieper
Welcomer:	C Ffrench	H Pieper	G Sutton
PowerPoint:	H Hart	H Hart	H Hart
Gifts:	Laffan Family	Geraldine & Natasha	angels & shepherds

Ministries of Service:	21 December	24 December	28 December
Altar Decorating:	Joy	All flower arrangers	Helen P
Cleaners:	Joan		Wendy & Pauline

Sp. Min hospital: 1st Sun: Eileen Dempsey. 2nd Sun: Helen Pieper.
3rd Sun: Brian Berg. 4th Sun: Ann Monkhouse. 5th Sun: Brian Berg.
Counters: 1st Sun: K & M Toirkens. 2nd Sunday: G Kain. 3rd Sunday: Wendy Hart.
4th Sunday: E Hannaford. 5th Sunday: H Bopping.

World Community for Christian Meditation is held Thursdays at 10.30am at St Bede's Presbytery. For information please contact Br. Brian on 4842 2444. Newcomers are always welcome. Check out the websites: www.wccm.org or www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

St Vincent de Paul Society Braidwood Conference:

"Giving a helping hand up"

Office Hours: Fridays 11am to 1pm. Closed until 18 January



Readings: Advent

This week: 1st: Zeph. 3:14-18. 2nd: Phil. 4:4-7. Gospel: Luke 3:10-18.
Next week: 1st: Micah 5:1-4. 2nd; Heb. 10:5-10. Gospel: Luke 1:39-44.

Philemon 1:7

*"Your love has given me
great joy and
encouragement, because
you, brother, have
refreshed the hearts of
the Lord's people."*

Join us in Prayer

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.



Next weekend Mass time: Vigil Saturday at 6pm in St Bede's Church.
Weekday Mass: Araluen at 10am. Cuppa afterwards at Jacki's.
Liturgy of the Word: 9.30am in the Presbytery.
Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.
Braidwood AA meets Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 4.30pm at MPS.
Social Justice Group next meeting Sunday February 3 at 10.30am
Araluen Mass: Tuesday 18 December at 10am. All welcome.
Christmas Vigil Mass: 24th December at 6.00pm.

Reflection: Advent:

Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope. We are looking forward to celebrating the fulfilment of God's promise. It's a time of thankfulness for God's generous love, made real for us in Jesus. John the Baptist knew that this love was a free and undeserved gift. He was not even worthy to bend low and undo Christ's sandals. We do not have to be worthy to welcome Jesus, but we are called to be willing to let his presence change our attitudes and behaviour.

The Gospel shows us what it means in practice. Whatever shape they take, genuine Christian generosity and kindness will always be expressed with happiness and joy. We rejoice in God's gifts to us; let's also be joyful in happily sharing them with others. GPBS 11/12/2018

An Ecumenical Service of Nine Lessons and Carols:

7pm Sunday 16 December 2018 at St Andrew's Anglican Church. Let us join together for this celebration of the Christmas and Epiphany stories.

Christmas Drinks and Nibbles after Mass 22 December, to mingle and wish each other Happy Christmas. Our parish will provide the drinks, so come along and enjoy with your fellow parishioners, to spread love and goodwill with one another. We will plan and enjoy another Parish meal together early in the new year.

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal: We are appreciative of all donations towards our annual Christmas hamper that assists so many locally.

Marymead are crowdfunding for a 4th bedroom in their Care Cottage in Narrabundah. Go to <https://chuffed.org/project/crowdfunding-for-a-care-cottage> to donate.

Flowers for Christmas: anyone with flowers to donate please bring to Church at 9.30am on Christmas Eve. All arrangers are asked to help with the arrangements for this special feast.



Father Hilton Roberts celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination on December 1st. Go online at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/father-hilton-roberts-honoured-for-60-grace-filled-years-of-service/nggallery/page/> for the full story.

Please pray for the sick: James Clarke, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Matthew Foote, Lindsay MacLean, Claire Whatley, Dick Laurie, Val Biggers, Catherine Sheridan, Marj Byrnes, Diana Wiley, Tony Ryan, Luke Ward, Len Kanowski, Tony Riley, Robin Marsden, Barbara Monaghan, John Sheldon, Sarah Lewis, Richie Simpson, Mark Sissian, Sarah Cree, the residents of Narbethong & the aged care unit and all who need our prayers.

Please pray for those who have died in recent days:

Charlie Harrison, Patrick Wiley, Robert Rolf, and our own deceased relatives and friends.

Offerings acknowledged with thanks:

1st: \$196. 2nd: envelopes - \$182. Loose - \$65.